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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	N/A	N/A	N/A
C-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
D	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	\$50.00(A)	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	\$50.00(A)	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-211; 10-02-2000)

U. S. Embassy will perform only post file checks.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police and Prison Records

(TL:VISA-231; 01-22-2001)

Available only to those inside Eritrea. This certificate is available only to people 18 years and above. Personal appearance is necessary. There may be a fee for this service. Persons released from prison are normally given an official release record.

Military Records

(TL:VISA-231; 01-22-2001)

Available only to those inside Eritrea. Requests should be mailed to: Ministry of Defense, Embatkala, Eritrea.

Birth Certificate

(TL:VISA-231; 01-22-2001)

Available only to those inside Eritrea. Requests for copies of previously issued birth certificates should be addressed to the Office of Civil Status, Municipality of Asmara; or to the equivalent office of any other municipality in which the birth was registered. There may be a fee for this service.

Persons applying for birth certificates should contact the appropriate municipal authorities and present hospital birth records, baptismal certificate, and statement by witnesses familiar with the birth which have been notarized by their zone.

Marriage Certificate

(TL:VISA-211; 10-02-2000)

Available only to those in Eritrea. Requests should be addressed to the municipality where the marriage was registered. The addresses are the same as for birth certificates. There may be a fee for this service.

In cases where a birth or marriage has not been recorded, consular officers may wish to consider accepting affidavits from persons having knowledge of the event, such as hospital records, baptismal certificates, or other church records.

Divorce Decree

(TL:VISA-211; 10-02-2000)

Available only to those inside Eritrea. Obtaining a divorce is a rather lengthy process in Eritrea. Each party must have two appointed family arbitrators, acceptable to the court. The first priority of these family arbitrators is reconciling the marriage. If this is not possible, they have to work out the details of the property settlements and child custody. After presenting a signed, stamped and approved (by all parties: spouse, family, arbitrators) copy of these agreements to the court, the municipality will issue a divorce certificate in Tigrigna and English. There may be a fee for this service.

Passports: Information on Travel Documents

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Eritrean passports do not show the applicant's nationality as prescribed under the provisions of INA 101(A)(30). Posts may issue visas in the Eritrean passports provided that at the time the passport is presented, another document showing nationality (e.g., an ID card showing date, place of birth and citizenship, a birth certificate, etc.) is also presented. Applicants should be advised and an annotation to the visa should reflect that the second document showing citizenship must also be presented at port of entry along with the passport.

NOTE: The U.S. Embassy realizes the extra burden this places on INS and other issuing posts. Steps are being taken to request that the Government of Eritrea modify its passport to show nationality.

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-389; 04-09-2002)

Asmara (E) All

Immigrant visa applications for nationals of Eritrea are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED:

(TL:VISA-211; 10-02-2000)

All of Eritrea.